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IF I CAN LIE LOW IN THAT TOWN, I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS!
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AAIEE!
RRRRUMMMBBLE!
KKRRUMMBLE!
OH NO! QUAKE!

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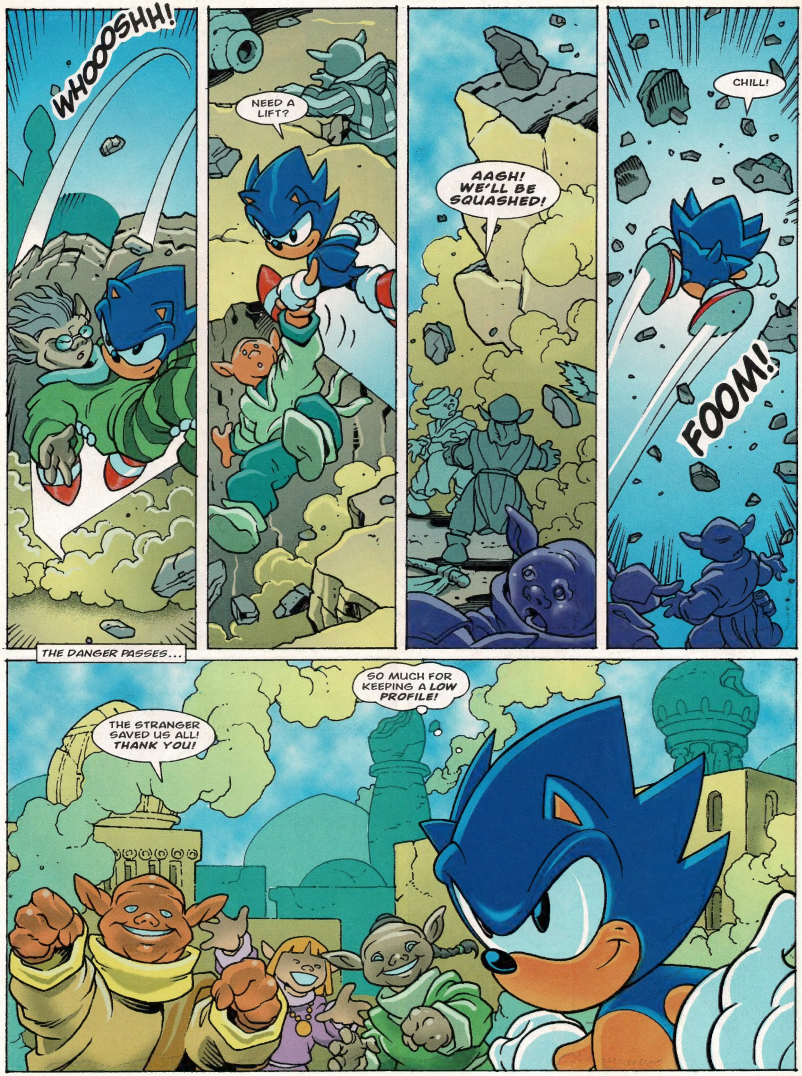
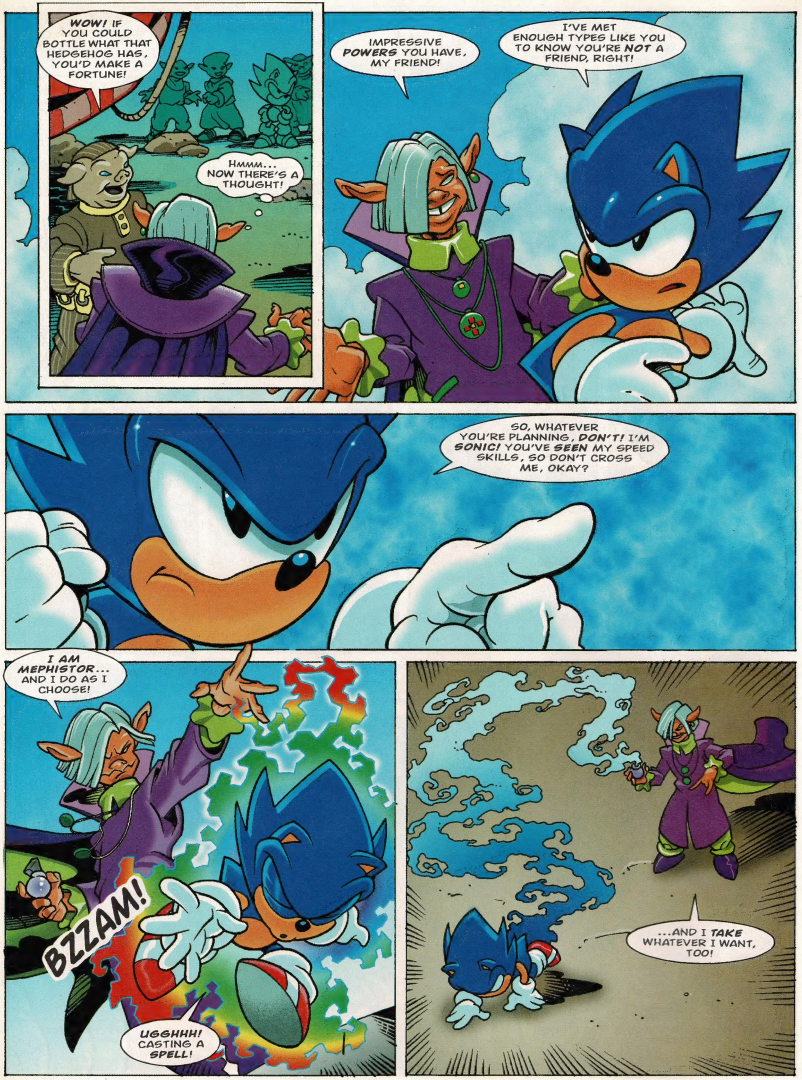
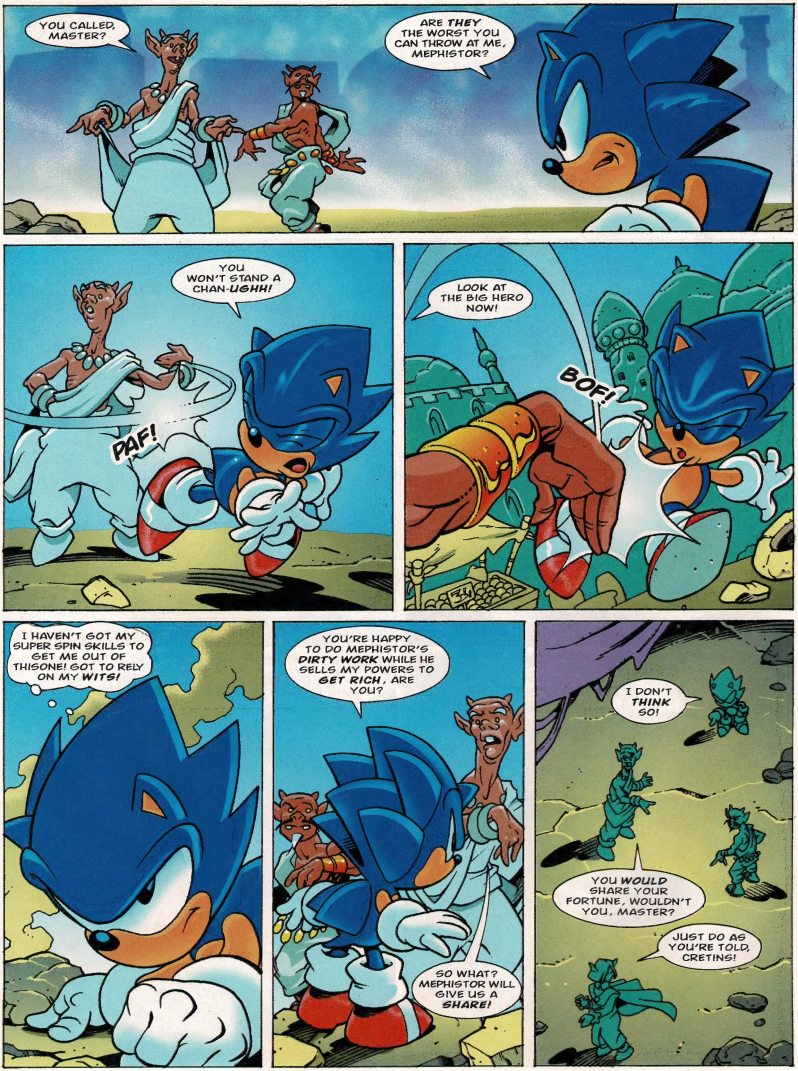
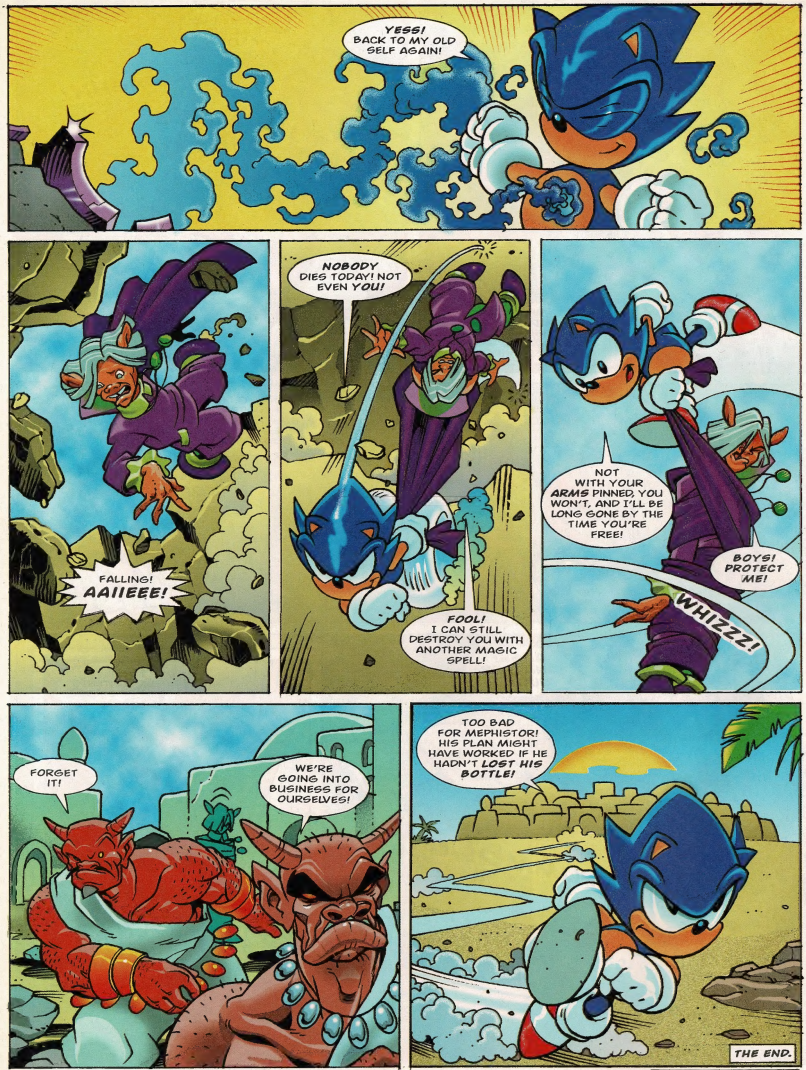

WHOOOSHH!
NEED A LIFT?
AAGH! WE'LL BE SQUASHED!
CHILL!
FOOM!
THE DANGER PASSES...
THE STRANGER SAVED US ALL! THANK YOU!
SO MUCH FOR KEEPING A LOW PROFILE!


WOW! IF YOU COULD BOTTLE WHAT THAT HEDGEHOG HAS, YOU'D MAKE A FORTUNE!
HMMM... NOW THERE'S A THOUGHT!
IMPRESSIVE POWERS YOU HAVE, MY FRIEND!
I'VE MET ENOUGH TYPES LIKE YOU TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT A FRIEND, RIGHT!
SO, WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING, DON'T! I'M SONIC! YOU'VE SEEN MY SPEED SKILLS, SO DON'T CROSS ME, OKAY?
I AM MEPHISTOR... AND I DO AS I CHOOSE!
BZZAM!
UGGHHH! CASTING A SPELL!
...AND I TAKE WHATEVER I WANT, TOO!

I HAVE TRANSFERRED YOUR SPEED POWERS! SEE? THEY'RE INSIDE THIS BOTTLE NOW!
YEAH, SURE THEY ARE, YOU LOON! YOU'RE ASKING FOR A SUPER SPIN ATTACK!
NOT SO FAST WITHOUT YOUR SKILLS, ARE YOU, SONIC?
WHUUUGH! HE HAS STOLEN MY POWERS!
YES, AND I INTEND TO SELL THEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!
EVEN WITHOUT MY POWERS, I'M NO PUSHOVER, MEPHISTOR!
OH, BUT YOU ARE! ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE!
SNAP!
BOYS!


YOU CALLED, MASTER?
ARE THEY THE WORST YOU CAN THROW AT ME, MEPHISTOR?
YOU WON'T STAND A CHAN-UGHH!
PAF!
LOOK AT THE BIG HERO NOW!
BOF!
I HAVEN'T GOT MY SUPER SPIN SKILLS TO GET ME OUT OF THISONE! GOT TO RELY ON MY WITS!
YOU'RE HAPPY TO DO MEPHISTOR'S DIRTY WORK WHILE HE SELLS MY POWERS TO GET RICH, ARE YOU?
SO WHAT? MEPHISTOR WILL GIVE US A SHARE!
I DON'T THINK SO!
YOU WOULD SHARE YOUR FORTUNE, WOULDN'T YOU, MASTER?
JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, CRETINS!

SO, MEPHISTOR ISN'T GOING TO CUT US IN ON THE DEAL!
AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE OVER THE YEARS! WELL, WE'RE NOBODY'S UNPAID SKIVVIES!
THINGS LIKE THAT MAKE US TURN NASTY!
GGRRAAGHH!
UH... HOLD ON A MINUTE, FELLAS!
THINK YOU'RE CLEVER TO TURN MY DEMONS AGAINST ME, SONIC? WELL, I'LL UNCORK THIS BOTTLE AND ABSORB YOUR POWER MYSELF!
NO!
AAGH! ANOTHER QUAKE!
RRRRUMMBLE!
I BELIEVE THE CONTENTS OF THIS BELONG TO ME!


YESS! BACK TO MY OLD SELF AGAIN!
FALLING! AAIIEEE!
NOBODY DIES TODAY! NOT EVEN YOU!
FOOL! I CAN STILL DESTROY YOU WITH ANOTHER MAGIC SPELL!
NOT WITH YOUR ARMS PINNED, YOU WON'T, AND I'LL BE LONG GONE BY THE TIME YOU'RE FREE!
BOYS! PROTECT ME!
WHIZZZ!
FORGET IT!
WE'RE GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR OURSELVES!
TOO BAD FOR MEPHISTOR! HIS PLAN MIGHT HAVE WORKED IF HE HADN'T LOST HIS BOTTLE!
THE END.

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The Morbidden Hunt

Part 4

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TAILS IS IN THE NAMELESS ZONE WHERE HE'S BEING HUNTED BY THE GOBLIN QUEEN IN CASTLE MORBIDDEN.

NOW, I HAVE YOU!
PRINCE CATALLUS SAID WE WERE JUST GOING TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK.
I THINK QUEEN VULPECULA PLAYS BY DIFFERENT RULES, JIMMY.
I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS IF I HADN'T WRITTEN THOSE LETTERS HOME SAYING I WAS A BRAVE HERO.
IF ONLY SONIC WERE HERE!
THAT GAME WAS SUCH FUN, WASN'T IT, FOXES? I WANT TO PLAY AGAIN. RUN, FOXES, RUN. HA, HA, HA!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE HIDING PLACE PRINCE CATALLUS TOLD US ABOUT. HE'LL HELP US.
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, JILLY, I THINK IT'S NEAR HERE.
HERE IT IS. THROUGH HERE. QUICK, BEFORE QUEEN VULPECULA FINDS US AGAIN.

UGH! COBWEBS EVERY-WHERE!
SO, YOU STUPID FOXES FINALLY MADE IT HERE. NOW TO SPOIL MY SISTER'S FUN. JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE QUEEN, SHE THINKS SHE CAN ORDER ME ABOUT.
WELL, I'VE CARRIED OUT HER ORDERS AND BROUGHT SOME FOXES TO CASTLE MORBIDDEN. NOW LET'S SEE HOW SHE ENJOYS A HUNT WITHOUT ANY FOXES!
YIKES!
CHUNK!
SWISSSSHHH!
DRATTED SWORD! COME BACK HERE, YOU THREE!
RUN!

HE TRICKED US!
HE IS A GOBLIN, JILLY.
I SAID COME BACK, YOU BEASTLY FOXES.
OH GOLLY, NOW WE'RE TRAPPED WHAT WOULD SONIC DO?
PRINCE CATALUS IS COMING. I CAN HEAR HIM.
THERE YOU ARE. NOW HOLD STILL, THIS WON'T HURT A BIT!
WE CAN'T FLY OFF HERE, TAILS. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THAT'S IT, JIMMY. YOU CAN'T FLY...
RAAARGH!
...BUT I CAN!
YELP!
HELP!

YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FAIR!
THESE CUBS ARE HEAVY. GOT TO FIND SOMEWHERE SAFE TO LAND - QUICK!
TAKE US TO THE FLYING BOAT, TAILS.
THERE THEY ARE! YAHOOOOO!
HURRY UP AND CAST OFF.
BRING THE FOXES BACK! I'M THE QUEEN AND I WANT THEM BACK RIGHT NOW SO I CAN HUNT THEM!
BUT THE GOBLIN FLYING BOAT CARRIES TAILS AND THE CUBS SWIFTLY BACK TO THEIR VILLAGE.
WHAT A HERO! WE KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FAIL US. NOW YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES ON MOBIUS FIGHTING THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WITH YOUR BUMBLING SIDEKICK, SONIC THE HEDGECUTTER.
MY BABIES! TAILS HAS RESCUED MY BABIES!
WE'RE NOT BABIES!
SHAMAN WARPULL OPENS A PORTAL LINKING MOBIUS AND THE NAMELESS ZONE.
THANK GOODNESS THAT'S OVER. I'M EXHAUSTED.
TAILS! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
I'VE BEEN...
NEVER MIND THAT. YOU'VE HAD A LONG ENOUGH REST. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
The End!

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Hot hog!

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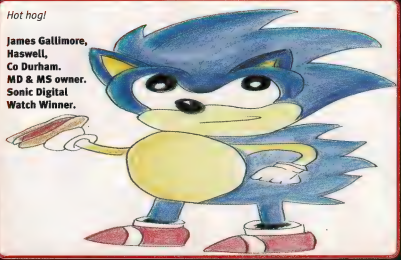

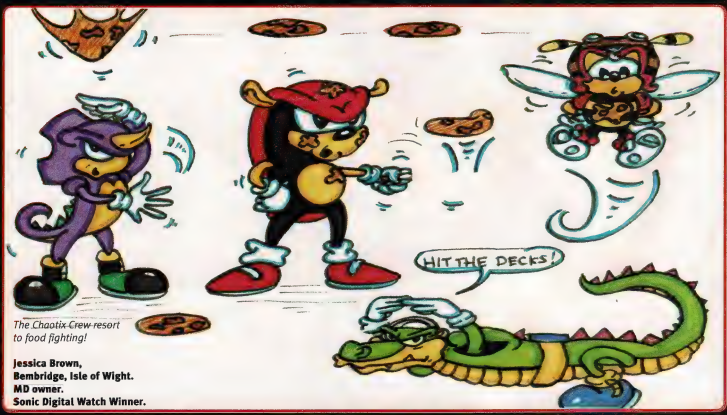

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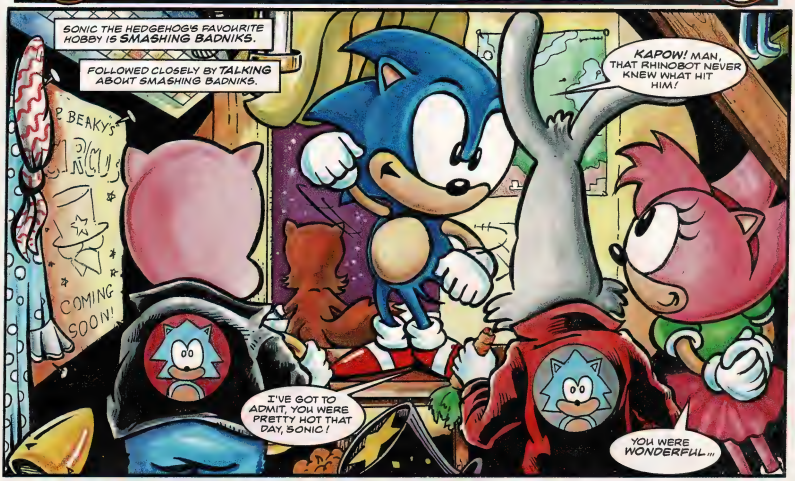
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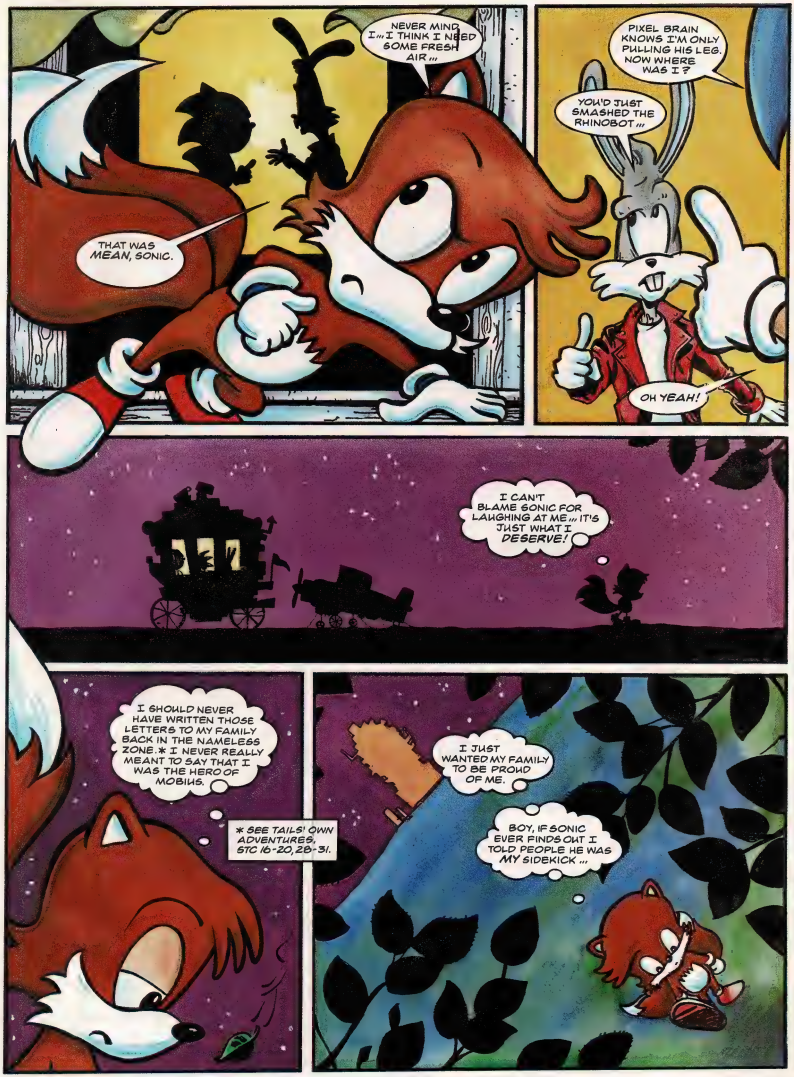
FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY TALKING ABOUT SMASHING BADNIKS.
BEAKY'S
COMING SOON!
KAPOW! MAN, THAT RHINOBOT NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!
I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, YOU WERE PRETTY HOT THAT DAY, SONIC!
YOU WERE WONDERFUL...

THE REST OF YOU DID PRETTY GOOD TOO! HEY TAILS, LI'L BUDDY, WHAT'S UP?
WELL, SONIC... YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE I WASN'T WITH YOU ON THAT PARTICULAR ADVENTURE...


NEVER MIND. I... I THINK I NEED SOME FRESH AIR...
THAT WAS MEAN, SONIC.
PIXEL BRAIN KNOWS I'M ONLY PULLING HIS LEG. NOW WHERE WAS I?
YOU'D JUST SMASHED THE RHINOBOT...
OH YEAH!
I CAN'T BLAME SONIC FOR LAUGHING AT ME... IT'S JUST WHAT I DESERVE!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE WRITTEN THOSE LETTERS TO MY FAMILY BACK IN THE NAMELESS ZONE. * I NEVER REALLY MEANT TO SAY THAT I WAS THE HERO OF MOBIUS.
* SEE TAILS' OWN ADVENTURES, STC 16-20, 28-31.
I JUST WANTED MY FAMILY TO BE PROUD OF ME.
BOY, IF SONIC EVER FINDS OUT I TOLD PEOPLE HE WAS MY SIDEKICK...

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED WHEN A PORTAL FROM MY HOME ZONE APPEARED...
"... BUT I WAS!"
MILES PROWER, WE HAVE COME FOR YOU!
"THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW I'M FIGHTING THE MONSTROUS TROGG.
"IT WAS UP TO ME TO STOP HIM AND HIS BERSERKER ARMY FROM INVADING THE NAMELESS ZONE ACROSS THE MAGICAL DIMENSION BRIDGE.
"I WON, BUT IT WAS A TOTAL FLUKE.
"NOW EVERY TIME MY PEOPLE NEED A HERO THEY SEND THE PORTAL FOR ME."

HEY TAILS, WE JUST LEARNED THAT THERE'S A BUILD-UP OF BADNIKS IN THE HILL TOP ZONE! WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!
DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG?
YOU BET I DO, JOHNNY!
THAT'S GREAT! BUT YOU'D BETTER HURRY, WE LEAVE IN FIVE MINUTES!
MILES PROWER, WE HAVE COME FOR YOU!
OH NO, NOT NOW!
I... I REALLY CAN'T COME, NOT JUST AT THE MOMENT...
MILES, THE NAMELESS ZONE NEEDS ITS CHAMPION... NOW!
BUT I'M NEEDED HERE. I CAN'T... I MEAN...
TEN MINUTES LATER.
I JUST DON'T GET IT, SONIC, TAILS SEEMED REALLY KEEN!
KEEN TO HIDE BEHIND A ROCK SOMEWHERE, YOU MEAN! TOLD YOU HE HAD A PIXEL LOOSE!
WELL, WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TELL TAILS ALL ABOUT IT WHEN WE GET BACK-- AS USUAL!
WHERE HAS TAILS GONE? KEEP WATCHING!

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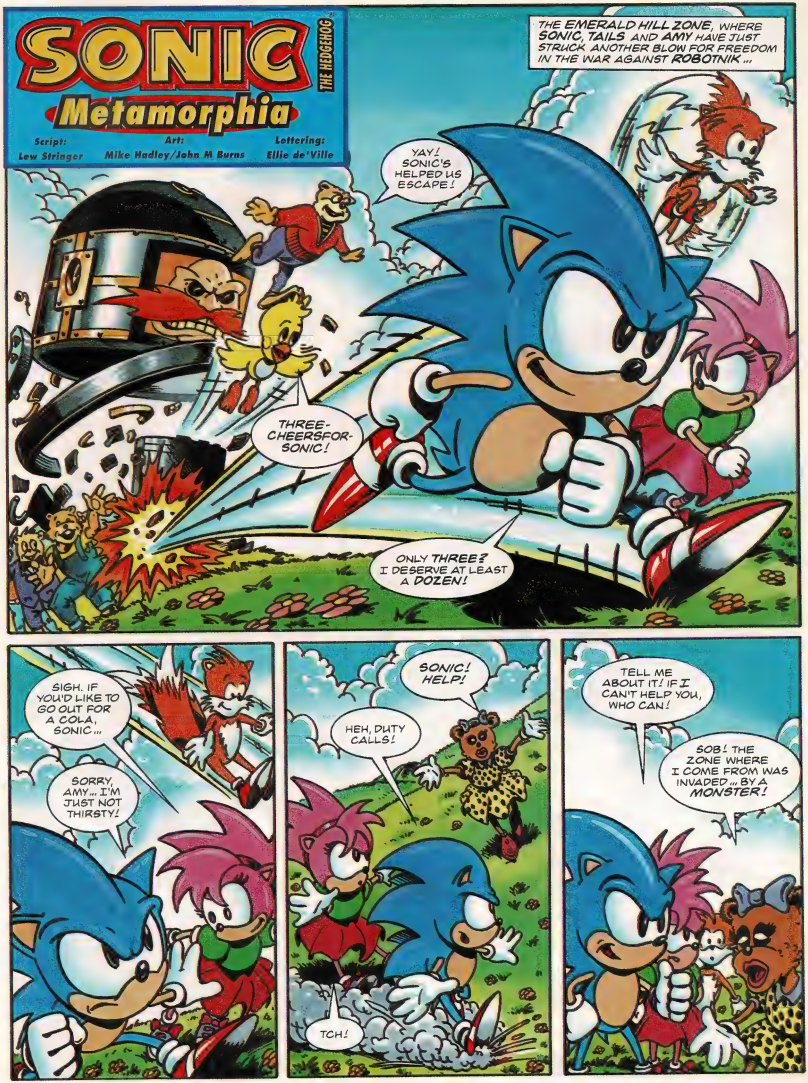
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Metamorphia
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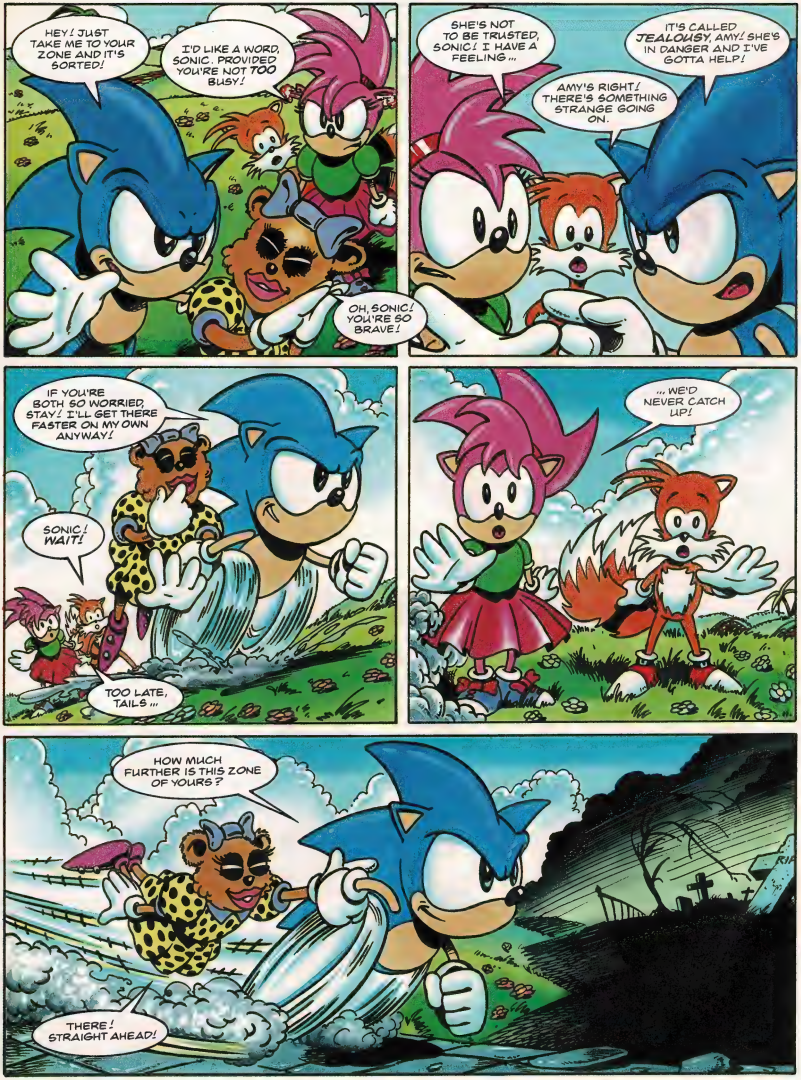
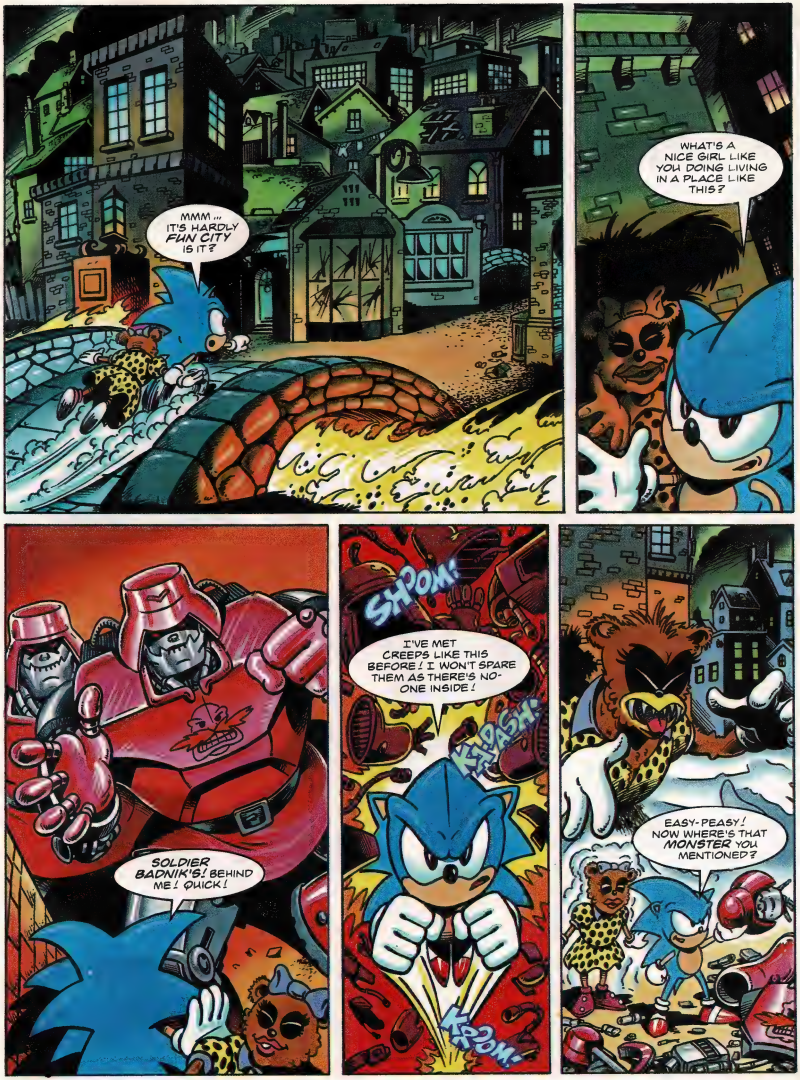
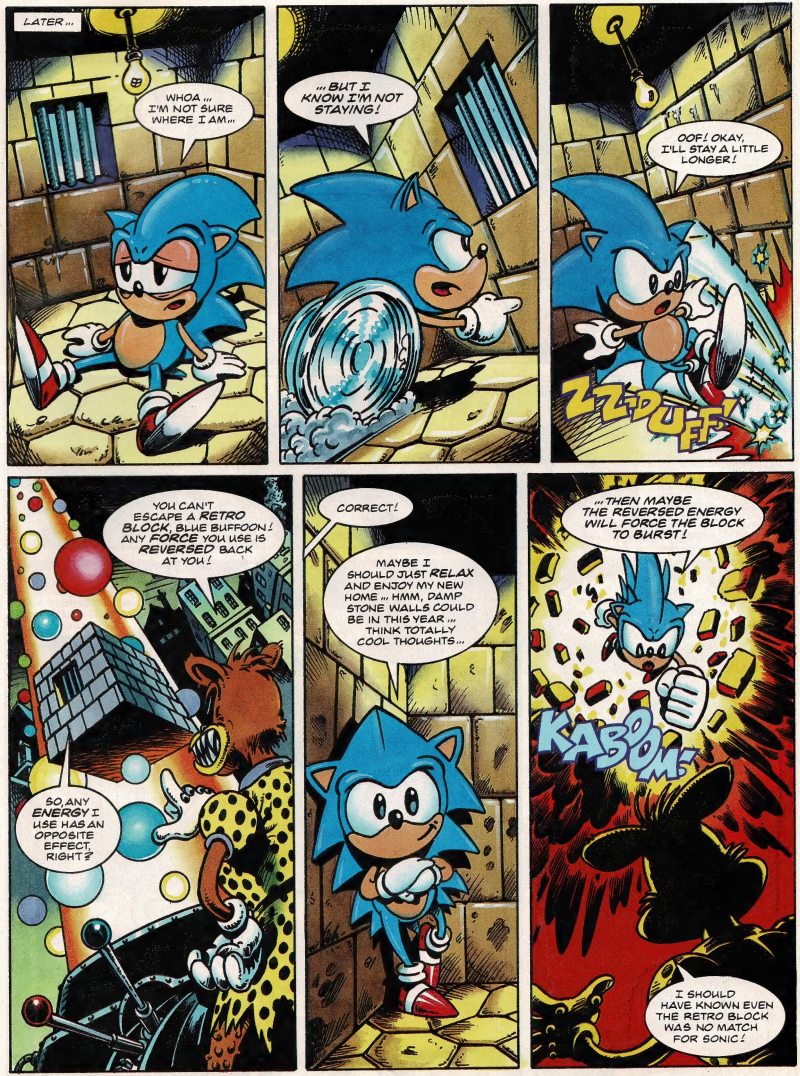
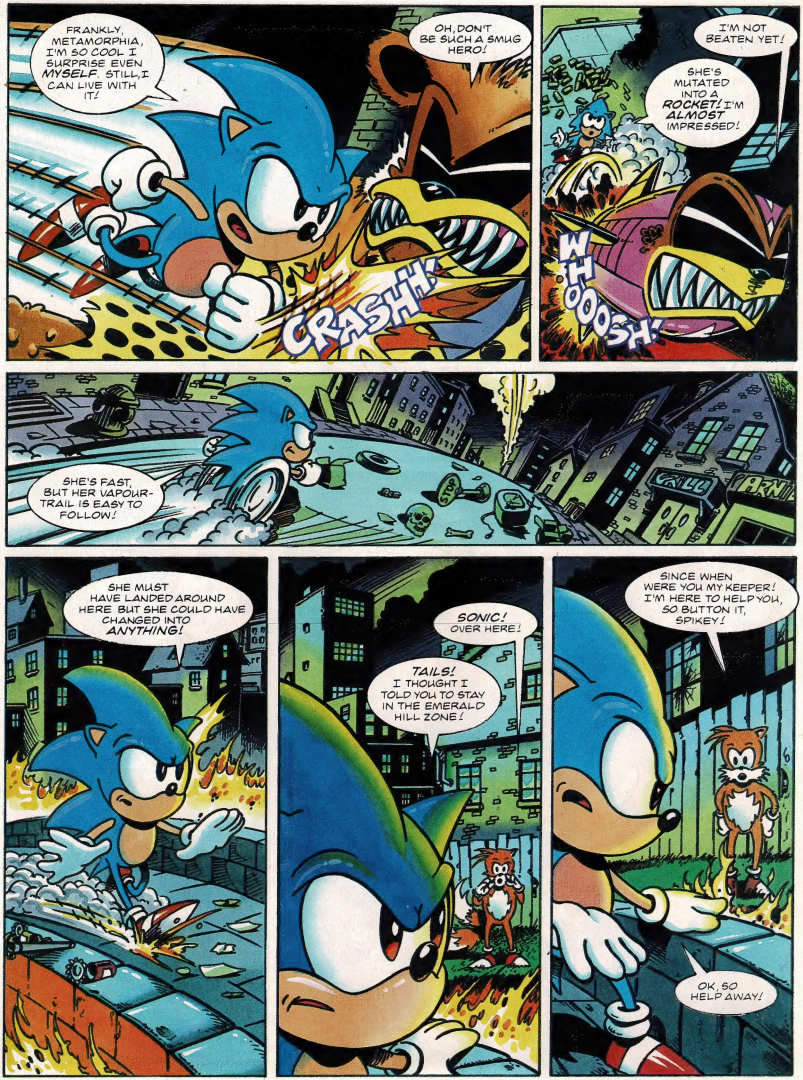
THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, WHERE SONIC, TAILS AND AMY HAVE JUST STRUCK ANOTHER BLOW FOR FREEDOM IN THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK...
YAY! SONIC'S HELPED US ESCAPE!
THREE-CHEERS-FOR-SONIC!
ONLY THREE? I DESERVE AT LEAST A DOZEN!
SIGH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO OUT FOR A COLA, SONIC...
SORRY, AMY... I'M JUST NOT THIRSTY!
SONIC! HELP!
HEH, DUTY CALLS!
TCH!
TELL ME ABOUT IT! IF I CAN'T HELP YOU, WHO CAN!
SOB! THE ZONE WHERE I COME FROM WAS INVADED... BY A MONSTER!


HEY! JUST TAKE ME TO YOUR ZONE AND IT'S SORTED!
I'D LIKE A WORD, SONIC. PROVIDED YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY!
OH, SONIC! YOU'RE SO BRAVE!
SHE'S NOT TO BE TRUSTED, SONIC! I HAVE A FEELING...
IT'S CALLED JEALOUSY, AMY! SHE'S IN DANGER AND I'VE GOTTA HELP!
AMY'S RIGHT! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE GOING ON.
IF YOU'RE BOTH SO WORRIED, STAY! I'LL GET THERE FASTER ON MY OWN ANYWAY!
SONIC! WAIT!
TOO LATE, TAILS...
...WE'D NEVER CATCH UP!
HOW MUCH FURTHER IS THIS ZONE OF YOURS?
THERE! STRAIGHT AHEAD!

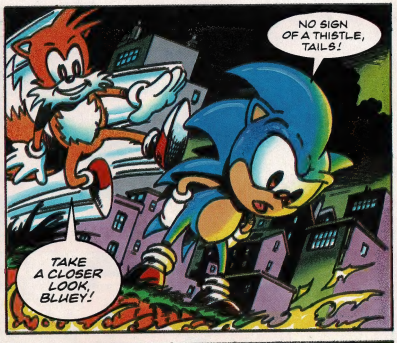

MMM ... IT'S HARDLY FUN CITY IS IT?
WHAT'S A NICE GIRL LIKE YOU DOING LIVING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SOLDIER BADNIK'S! BEHIND ME! QUICK!
I'VE MET CREEPS LIKE THIS BEFORE! I WON'T SPARE THEM AS THERE'S NO-ONE INSIDE!
SKPOM!
KRASH!
KRPOM!
EASY-PEASY! NOW WHERE'S THAT MONSTER YOU MENTIONED?

I'M RIGHT HERE!
OH, SO YOU'VE CHANGED INTO SOMETHING MORE COMFORTABLE!
FWAMM!
TAILS AND AMY WERE RIGHT! YOU'RE NOT SUCH A NICE GIRL AFTER ALL!
I AM METAMORPHIA! I CAN MUTATE INTO ANY FORM I CHOOSE! WELCOME TO MY ABODE — OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GRIM ZONE!
FOOM!
... AND WELCOME TO YOUR DEATH!
COUGH! SHE'S A GAS!
METAMORPHIA TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! AS PLANNED, SONIC IS DEFEATED! HAHAHAHA!
EGG-CELLENT WORK, NOW IMPRISON HIM UNTIL I ARRIVE ...
...TO EGG-SACT MY FINAL REVENGE ON THE CURSED BLUE HEDGEHOG!

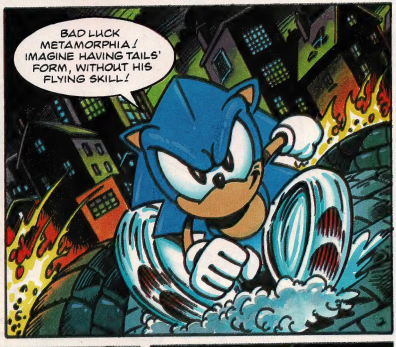

LATER...
WHOA... I'M NOT SURE WHERE I AM...
...BUT I KNOW I'M NOT STAYING!
OOF! OKAY, I'LL STAY A LITTLE LONGER!
ZZ-DUFF!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE A RETRO BLOCK, BLUE BUFFOON! ANY FORCE YOU USE IS REVERSED BACK AT YOU!
SO, ANY ENERGY I USE HAS AN OPPOSITE EFFECT, RIGHT?
CORRECT!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST RELAX AND ENJOY MY NEW HOME... HMM, DAMP STONE WALLS COULD BE IN THIS YEAR... THINK TOTALLY COOL THOUGHTS...
...THEN MAYBE THE REVERSED ENERGY WILL FORCE THE BLOCK TO BURST!
KABOOM!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN EVEN THE RETRO BLOCK WAS NO MATCH FOR SONIC!


FRANKLY, METAMORPHIA, I'M SO COOL I SURPRISE EVEN MYSELF. STILL, I CAN LIVE WITH IT!
OH, DON'T BE SUCH A SMUG HERO!
CRASH!
I'M NOT BEATEN YET!
SHE'S MUTATED INTO A ROCKET! I'M ALMOST IMPRESSED!
WHOOOSH!
SHE'S FAST, BUT HER VAPOUR-TRAIL IS EASY TO FOLLOW!
SHE MUST HAVE LANDED AROUND HERE BUT SHE COULD HAVE CHANGED INTO ANYTHING!
SONIC! OVER HERE!
TAILS! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU MY KEEPER! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU, SO BUTTON IT, SPIKEY!
OK, SO HELP AWAY!

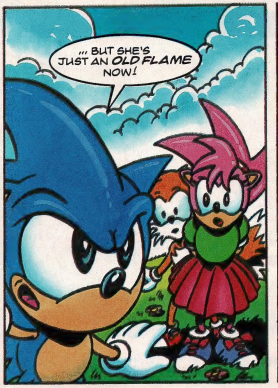
IF IT'S A SHAPE-CHANGING CREATURE YOU'RE AFTER, I'VE JUST SEEN SOMETHING CHANGE FORM FROM A ROCKET INTO A THISTLE! IT'S OVER THE EDGE OF THAT CLIFF!
I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK, THEN!


NO SIGN OF A THISTLE, TAILS!
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, BLUEY!

TAILS WAS NEVER THAT IMPUDENT... METAMORPHIA!
AA!EEE! MY TAILS AREN'T MAKING ME FLY! FALLING...


BAD LUCK, METAMORPHIA! IMAGINE HAVING TAILS' FORM, WITHOUT HIS FLYING SKILL!

SONIC RETURNS TO AMY AND THE REAL TAILS...
HMPH! ON YOUR OWN, SONIC? DID YOUR NEW GIRLFRIEND CHUCK YOU?
NO, ACTUALLY SHE FELL FOR ME IN A BIG WAY!


... BUT SHE'S JUST AN OLD FLAME NOW!

MEANWHILE, METAMORPHIA HAS ASSUMED A FIREPROOF FORM AND SURVIVED!
I'LL BE HOT ON YOUR TRAIL, SONIC... THEN YOU WON'T BE SO COOL!
THE END!

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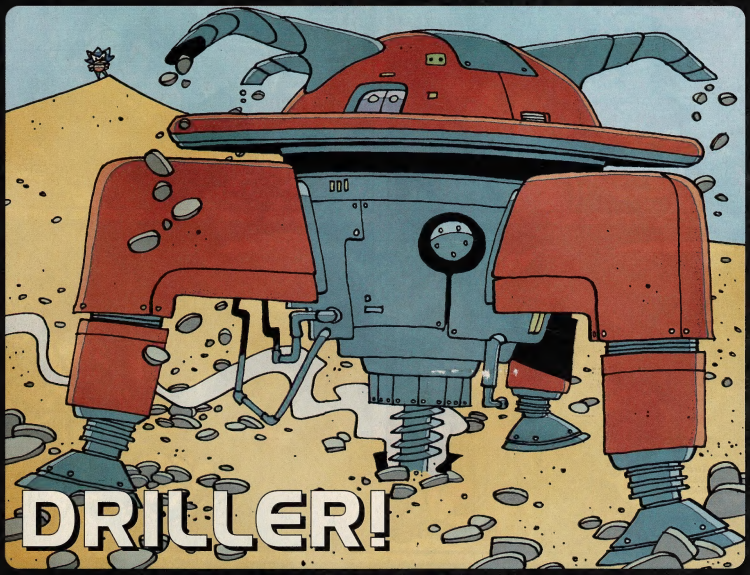
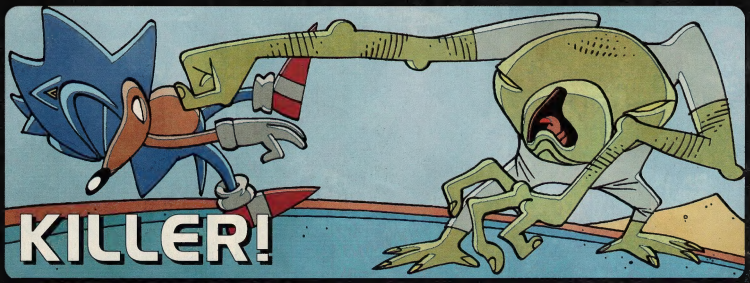
COMIC-STRIP ACTION FROM THE WORLD OF THE COOL BLUE ONE, HIS FRIENDS, & HIS ENEMIES...





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